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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLAINT AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed April 27, 2006, enclosed is the entire "IN THE CLAIMS" section of Applicant's Amendment filed on April 19, 2006, corrected by adding the status indicator "(Previously presented)" to claims 2-13, 27-31, 38-41 and 44-48.